

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 291

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mark Russell upon his receipt of the 2019 Memphis Living Legend Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Mark Russell, who recently received the 2019 Memphis Living Legend Award in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the good people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, a veteran newsroom leader, Mr. Russell began his career as a reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Plain Dealer*, and the *Boston Globe*; he currently serves as the executive editor of the *Commercial Appeal*; and

WHEREAS, Mark Russell has served as a Pulitzer Prize juror and a board member of both the American Society of News Editors and the Tennessee Coalition of Open Government; he is currently a board member of the Missourian Publishing Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, he was recognized as a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2013 for his coverage of the hazing death of a member of the Florida A&M University marching band; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russell is an exemplary individual; his commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Mark Russell upon his receipt of the 2019

Memphis Living Legend Award as we extend to him our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.